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POWERS HANG

Ancona Note Delivered Today to Austria Heralded as Most Drastic Issued Since Outbreak of Europe's War.

Inauguration of Sterner Policy Also to Be Marked by Pressure on Lusitania Claim and Ousting of Teston Agents.

Relations between this country and the central powers of Europe are hanging on a thread.

Never since the outbreak of the in Europe has the United States been nearer the point of breaking off diplomatic negotiations with Austria and Germany.

The present situation, fraught as it is with the gravest possibilities, is a development of what is generally conceded to be the adoption of a new policy. A mailed fist rather than a gloved hand would seem now to be guiding our foreign policy.

Austrian government. A gram received at the State De-the activities of the cadet regiment partment today from Ambassador tary instruction and the working out of Penfield at Vienna states that he some plan whereby the regiment may thought there was a chance to do con-Penfield at Vienna states that he be able to participate in an annual structive work that would be an examdelivered the note to Count

Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, on Thursday.

HERALDED AS DRASTIC.

By mutual agreement the text of the mmunication will be made public Monday morning. Pending its publication, officials of the State Department decline absolutely to disclose its contents. It has been heralded for a week as one of the most drastic messages ligerent power since the outbreak of the war. The relations between this country

Germany are no less critical. Smarting under the action of this Government in demanding the recall of inilitary and naval attaches, respective.

Ly, of the German embassy. Germany has permitted the negotiations for a settlement of the Lusitania controversy to become deadlocked. Undertaken by Germany under the prefense of a lesire to wipe out all misunderstanding between the two countries growing out of as we can with boys) work with them Captains von Papen and Boy-Ed. y's submarine warfare. proceeded only enough to show that Germany balks on (Continued on Second Page.)

RIGID PROBE BEGUN AT WRECKED PLANT

SOUTH BETTILDHEM, Pa., Dec. 11. -With extra armed guards on duty, Federal and State aronts today were conducting a rigid probe into the orlgin of the explosion at the Reding-ton munition plant of the B thichem Steel Company yesterday that caused the death of one man and serious injuries to ffleen others.

The injured are all being attended at St Luke's Hospital here. Four are in a precarious condition and probably will not survive physicians Sentenced to Death for Killing said today.

The cause of the explosion, as given out officially today, was that it was due to a powder flare in a pellet house. The accident was so sudden. its results so disastrous, and its ac-tual causes so effectively objiterated the explosion that it is feared its exact origin may never be revealed.

The sides of the buildings were blown out by the explosion. In the building are said to have been sev-eral hundred nounds of powder. In automobile ambulances all the injured were rushed six miles to St. Luke's Hospital here.

British Steamer Busiris Is Sunk by a Submarine

LONDON Dec. 11.-The British steam er Busiris has been sunk by a subma-rine. The crew was landed at Alexan dria.

The Busir's displaced 2.705 tons an the Moss Ste-mahip Company of Li-er

Dr. Dumba's Successor May Follow Him Home

Simultaneous with announcement today that the American note on the Ancona incident had been delivered by Ambassador Penfield to the Austrian foreign office, it became known that Baron Zwied'nek temporary successor to Dr. Dumba as Austria's representative here, stands in grave danger of following the latter home by request of the United States.

He was in conference with Secretary Lansing for half an hour this afternoon.

The most startling evidence against any Austrian official vet was laid before Secretary Lansing today in the form of photographs of letters bearing Baron Zweidinek's signature. They were written from Manchester, N. H., in August, 1914, to the consulate general at New York. and indicated plans for wholesale misuse or forgery of American passports.

ASKS ANNUAL CAMP

Assistant Superintendent Kra- tain the sort of interest that encourmer Urges Larger Activities for the Regiment.

tivities of the high school cadet regiment including an annual enlargement America's demands on Austria is made by S. E. Kramer, assistant sureport, contained in the annual report of the Board of Education, made public

are | The report contains the annual report, in full, of E. L. Thurston, superintenof the dent of schools, which already has been cable- made public, Mr. Kramer's report deals largely with

New vocational and industrial work is described by B. W. Murch, supervising principal, in his report. He mentions the work done in the "model apartment for housekeeping classes" at 1201 K street nertheast, and of the extension of accounts of the extension of accounts of the street mention of accounts and the street mention of the street mentions and the street mention of the street mention of the street mentions are street mentions and the street mentions are street mentions. sion of carpentry work to sixth grade

More Nurses Asked.

Thirteen school nurses, instead of the five now employed, are asked by Mr. ever sent by this Government to a bel- Murch. Many defects in the physical condition of pupils, the report states have been corrected through the nurses A strong plea also is made by Mr Murch for the extension of the school playground summer work, of which he has been in charge.

An ungraded school for girls, similar

ween the two countries growing out of and give them. and sive them a trial in another school environment, before we need to take action against them in court." A larger appropriation for night school classes is urgently needed, ac

cording to Mr. Murch Tells of Domestic Science Work. New York in domestic science, especially that at the Smallwood and the Lenox and B. B. French schools, is described by Miss Emma S. aleob. director of domestic science.

Courses in journalism and in short-story writing introduced in Central High School for the first time during the past year are described in the report of Emory Wilson, principal of that school.

WOMAN SAVED FROM HANGING IN ALBERTA

Husband's Paramour—To Serve Ten Years.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 11.-The women of Alberta have won their fight to save the life of Mrs. Annie Hawkes. of MacLeod, sentenced to hang for the killing of her husband's paramour. Announcement was made today that executive clemency has been extended and the sentence commuted to ten years'

scainst the death sentence imposed upon woman, who had been brought into her home, while in a state of hysteria

Sleet Storm in Chicago. CHICAGO. Dec. 11.-The first sleet storm of the winter crippled wire service in Illinois today. Springfield was

SYSTEM HERE BASINUNCLEAN INEFFICIENT GARRISON SAYS

Gardener, Declares Worst Form Prevails.

tary Reports to Senate.

Blames Lack of Pride on Part

of People and Passion for "The utter lack of anything like that pride of possession by the people that

stimulates and maintains interest on the one hand, and the passion for economy on the part of untrained officials which is really the worst form of extravagance, will effectually prevent the development of any system of public parks in Washington that will be the restful and beautiful places the Na-

orticulturist, landscape gardener and park superintendent, who, after two months' work as superintendent of the northwest division of the parks of Washington, has resigned in disgust. He will return to Chicago tomorrow to resume his work there, where, he declares, public parks are the pride of the people and where the people mainages the landscape experts and the workmen to do their best, and that demands the best results.

"Worst Form of Extravagance." Mr. Skornpa is a graduate of one of the oldest institutions in Europe for the training of hortfculturists and landscape artists-the horticultural college of Vienna. He came to the United States about ten years ago and was employed by the west park commission employed by the west park commission and the northwest park commission of Chicago for nine years. These two bodies, elected by the people of the city, are in charge of the parks on Chicago, the commission that the city is the commission of the city. cago's west and northwest sections, the most densely populated and poorest sections of the city and yet possessing, ac-cording to experts, some of the most beautiful and useful parks in the world Mr. Skornpa was attracted to ington because it was the capital of the Nation and because with the big opportunities presented by the beaut buildings and large open spaces. the beautiful ent and came to this city Sentember His resignation was accepted No-

The system under which the parks of the District of Columbia are con-ducted is absolutely opposed to good (Continued on Third Page.)

T. R., IN BRIEF STAY PEEPS INTO CAPITOL

Colonel, on Way to Tuskegee, Halts in Washington Two Hours.

nto consternation by the unexpected. isit here of Col. The door Roosevelt, former President. The colonel paid only a flying visit to Washing on. He was en route to Tuskesce with several friends and he stoneed between trains for about two hours. He arrived from New York about 5 and departed about 19.

Thomas Skornpa. Landscape Sewage and Tidal Action Pollute River Near Influent, Secre-

SEES NO HOPE OF A CHANGE COST TOO GREAT TO FREE IT

Believes It Impracticable to Build Bathing Beach-Plans Include New Pools.

age and otherwise, is emphasized in a letter of Secretary Garrison to the Sen ate in response to a resolution of last session by Senator Norris asking, among other things, the causes of pollution and contamination of the Tidal Basin. Secretary Garrison replies that the causes of the pollution of the waters of the Tidal Basin are several. He points out that the Potomac Itself is polluted though improved near the in-fluent, to the basin, perhaps, by tidal

Polluted At Great Falls. The Secretary says:

"The raw river water at Great Falls is considered polluted for drinking purposes and reaches a satisfactory fitration point only after passing over three settling basins between that point and the source of the raw supply.

After passing Great Falls the river passing Great Falls the river After water is continually charged with more or less sewage, the main sources of this above the basin being Georgetown, Rock Creek, the Chesaneake and Ohio canel and a large sewer near the Lincoln Memorial. This conditions has been considerably mitigated by the recently built intercepting sewer along the river.
"Furthermore, the condition of the water in the basin itself is polluted by the direct discharge of sewage from ten toilets in the immediate vicinity into the basin itself and by refuse thrown into the water by the public picnicking and fishing along its borders. These toilets are not used by many people, but are

cials of the Public Health Bureau, and the water was found unfit to drink, but there was some doubt expressed as to whether it was not clean enough to bathe in. Opinions vary on this point, but it seems a very rigorous requirement that water for swimming in the summer time should be pure enough to is thought that the waters in

the Tidal Basin can not be entirely freed from pollution at reasonable cost. Filtration or chemical treatment would not be justified on account of the ex-pense. They can be considerably puri-fied by eliminating the direct discharge sewage into the basin from the toflets in the vicinity without much trouble, by preventing trash and other refuse from being thrown into the basin by stricter policing and attacking the aquatic weed growth detrimental to the condition of the water. This could be done at comparative small expense. "It is thought that the tidal flushing of the basin, by which two-thirds of the whole volume of the basin is hanged daily, makes the water asin compare very favorably water in use in bathing establishments along rivers in other cities of this cour

Proper Bathing Facilities. How the city can be furnished with

proper bathing facilities is dealt with ty the Secretary as follows:
"During the past year report was ren-dered to of ngress from this department on the practicability of establishing bothing beaches in the Tidal Basin. The studies for the location of the beaches and buildings in the area referred to dibutting beathes in the Tidal Basin. The studies for the location of the beathes. Senator Kenyon, who has served on the committee, it would have been thrown that report showed that location there ably will leave it. He is unwilling iongis impracticable and undesirable when considered in connection with other marge park development planned for rotoma: Park, Furthermore, extended inquiries into the objections to the use of the basin on account of its pollution. have about convinced the officer hours. He arrived from New York that, while it would impose a decided about 5 and departed about 10.

Meantime, he walked out for his the temporary use of the basin tor health, went to the Capitel looked it swimming ourposes, nothing should be over went inside, saw the Supreme planned for permanent baining established and also took a glance of the histments there.

building and also took a glance at the "Studies are now in course of prep-Library of Congress. He shook hands aration in the office of public buildings with a number of acquaintances. The colonel was looking fit and in fine supervision of the National Fine Arts commission, for the improvement of the large area of cast Potomac Park Snowstorm is Due to

Reach Capital Tonight

A snowstorm is due to reach Washington tonight.

Today the storm is centered in the Ohio valley, and is oneying in a northeasterly direction. While a considerable snowfall already is reported in the Appairchians. It is expected that there will be little snow here, the Appairchians. It is expected that there will be little snow here, abuve freezing before tomorrow morning, which will bring rain.

Commission, for the improvement of the most optomac Park as a large public recreation ground. These studies include extensive provious speciment of the most up-to-date lind. It is believed that these plans. It is deplorable lack of hathing facilities in the District of Columbia. Washington in the summer time has one of the most up-to-date lind. It is believed that these plans. It adopted by Congress, will remedy the deplorable lack of hathing facilities in the United States in the United States. In the Haitan Peace Commission, and Education of the Appair of the Provided States Department, will meet the vessel at Annapolis to the Haitan Peace Commission, and Education of the conditions for swimming and bathing are inadequate. Every effort is an early date a satisfactory solution of the problem which will relieve the present conditions.

ASSERTS PARK REFUSE MAKES GREEKS BLOCK ALLIES; ANGLO-FRENCH FORCE ABANDONING SERBIA

WAR COUNCIL REACHES "COMPLETE ACCORD."

PARIS, Dec. 11.—"All questions of urgent nature have been settled with complete accord," it is announced today, following another session of the allied war council.

It is presumed that the announcement covers all reported differences concerning the conduct of operations in the Balkans. The announcement was made after Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, Premier Briand, and General Gallieni had held a lengthy conference at the conclusion of the war council

M'NABB ARGUMENT|THOUSANDS RUSH TO

Attorneys for Millionaire Kinney Whirlwind Campaign Attack \$30.000 Verdict in Breach of Promise Suit.

Ida M. McNabb a verdict for \$30,000 in sands of men eligible for military servher breach of promise suit against John ice overwhelmed the recruiting officers S. Kinney, the wealthy Michigan mine in London and provincial cities and owner, were made in the District Court towns today, anxious to enroll before of Appeals today. The court then re- the Lord Derby voluntary recruiting cessed until the first Monday in Janu- compaign ends. prepared by Attorneys

the direct discharge of sewave from ten toilets in the immediate vicinity into the basin itself and by refuse thrown into the water by the public plenicking and fishing along its borders. These toilets are not used by many becole, but are undeniably the source of some pollution.

Can Free Basin Partly.

That the Tidal Basin can be free partly from pollution is the opinion expressed. The Secretary says.

The extent of this pollution is not great. Daily examinations of the water of the basin covering a period of six weeks were made last spring by officials of the Public Health Bureau, and the water was found until to drink, but the prepossessing widow of thirther the discharge of sewave from ten to the basin covering a period of six weeks were made last spring by officials of the Public Health Bureau, and the water was found until to drink, but the prepossessing widow of thirther the basin covering a period of six weeks were made last spring by officials of the Public Health Bureau, and the water was found until to drink, but the case when the appeal was noted, characterized the judgment rendered in the lower court "a perpetration of a great injustice:" drew a picture contrasting the prepossessing widow of thir-

trasting the prepossessing widow of thirty-seven with the seventy-seven-year-old mine owner, and termed the contract on which the suit was based "a old-blooded business proposition. The charge of the trial justice, he added, defeated the effect of testimony offered from hotel registers to challenge he fitness of the plaintiff to enter into

a marriage contract.

In the arguments of counsel for Mrs.

McNabb, the action of Justice Stafford was justified on the ground that evi-dence the opposing counsel sought to introduce was not germane to the case, and the court of appeals was asked to affirm the judgment of the lower court.
Mrs. McNabh's attorneys include
('harles Poe, Henry F. Cochems, Hubert D. Wolfe, and A. D. Dixon.

KENYON IS LIKELY TO QUIT D. C. COMMITTEE

He Is Unwilling to Serve Longer on It Because of Other Assignments.

Following the disclosure that Senator mittee, it was learned today that there could be still another change, also on he Republican side of the committee. er to serve on it because of the time he will have to give to other commit-Senator Kenyon has been opposed to

U. S. SHIP CARRIES PAYMASTER'S BODY

The Prairie, Bearing As Well Haiti's Peace Commissioners, Nears Annapolis.

Closes Recruiting Overwhelmed.

judgment of the lower court granting attempt to stave off conscription, thou-

Lord Derby announced this afternoon that the recruiting offices will not close promptly at midnight but will remain open until the crowds in line are en-A great rush is expected in the losing hours

Rush Tires Clerks.

The Government had hurried re-enforcements to the aid of the fagged out recruiting cierks. But so great was the rush to enlist in London today that it became necessary to dispense with the usual medical examinations. Medical officers merely noted the name of each fresh volunteer and will make the ex-

aminations later.

The chief recruiting station at Scotland hard remained open until daybreak, handling the great crowd of recruits that formed in line yesterday. At 7 a. m. today the offices were opened again. Outside was another crowd that had been lining up for more than an hour. Conspicuous in this throng were several men in silk hats, dozens of bank clerks, and many professiona

Enlist By Thousands.

In South London the crow, tha gathered before daylight exceeded that at Scotland Yard. The same situation existed all over London. Young men, north single and married, and middle-aged men were enlisting by the thou-sonds.

Reports from the provincial cities aid recruiting went on almost all night. The weary recruiting officers aced thousands in the morning. Liverpool officials wired a plea for more time, reporting that they would be unable to enroll before midnight the men already besieging the recruiting offices. Birmingham, having disposed of 19,000 armiets, signifying that many enlistments, wired a request for more.

Conscript Decision.

Women school teachers were pressed into service as assistants to the re-Sterling would succeed Senator Fall on cruiting officers in Glasgow where he Republican side of the District Com- great crowds stood in the rain, waiting to be enrolled. At Leeds, 300 extra recruiting clerks were on duty No one knows even approximately the results of the recruiting campaign except Lord Derby. He refused to make any statement today and said that no figures will be made public until he com-pletes his report for the cabinet tomor-row. On this probably will depend the decision of the government on the decision of the govern

REPORT GREECE MAY DEMOBILIZE ARMY

Hellenic Ships Held in Ports of Allies. Asserts Athens News-

PARIS, Dec. 11.-An Athenr News Agency dispatch today rest ted that the Greek government will soon issue decree domobilizing the Greek army. One of the principal derigands made by the allies upon Greece, it is understood, was that King Constantine ordered demobilization of the Greek armies. The Athens news agency dispatch is not confirmed from other by the allies upon Greece, it is understood, was that King Constantine ordered demobilization of the Greek armies. The Athens news agency dispatch is not confirmed from other

ATHENS, Dec. 11.—A number of Greek steamers are being detained in ports of the allies, the Athens newspaper Hestia stated today.

Cairo Consul's Acts To Be Investigated

official investigation of the conduct of Consul General Olney Arnold at Cairo, Egypt, following the receipt of unof-ficial reports that there is local dissatis-faction in Cairo with Arnold's work. The investigation will be made by Na thanie! B Stewart, consul general at large. Arnold was appointed to his person, post Sentember 2, 1922. His home is in Rhode Island.

BALKANS RAGING WITH BULGARS

Constantine Refuses Concessions to Entente Powers and Negotiations End.

Re-enforcements Reach British From Saloniki to Help Hold Positions.

ATHENS, Dec. 11.-Greece now refused to make any more concessions to the allied powers at present, it is authoritatively stated A few hours after the arrival of unconfirmed reports that the allies were evacuating Serbia, the announcement was conversations with the allied diplomats have ended

One of the decisive battles of the war is believed to be imminent as the allies continue their retreat from Serbia.

The British, it is stated, received artillery and troop re-enforcements on Thursday night, and maintained their positions in the face of violent attacks throughout yesterday

It is admitted, however, that a further British retirement is inevitable, and that English troops already are preparing to fall back on their second line defenses.

REACH CRITICAL STAGE.

Relations between Greece and the allied powers are approaching a critical stage. Greek military officials have been dispatched to the frontier, following their conference with Ceneral Sar Both government officials and allied diplomats display the greatest pessimism today King Constantine has informed the

entente ambassadors that he cannot

yield to their demands. Greek mili-

tary officers on route to the border

have been instructed to report im mediately to the King. It is possible that their reports may result in the resumption of negotiations, by Angle-French diplomats are not hopeful. Dispatches from Greek frontier point today report that the French forces were compelled to continue their retreat in yesterday's fighting, but contain no mention of the reported evacuation of Serbian territory by the allies. These dispatches mention no locations and leave in doubt whether the French have retreated to the Greek border as

Force French Retreat.

The battle raged violently along the entire front yesterday. The Bulgarian brought up fresh artillery and finall occupied the greater part of the French positions after pounding them with heavy shells. Early in the fighting the French repulsed several attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the assailants.

Conflicting reports reach here concerning the situation at Glevgeli, the allies' base in Serbia, just across the Greek frontier. The latest disputches deny that German troops entered the deny that German troops entered t town, and say it is still in the hands

the expeditionary forces.

A message from Florina asserted that a neutral zone has been established by agreement of the hostile commanders at the Greek frontier near that point, and that troops have been instructed neither to occupy nor to the into the forbidden territory. Many German and that the statement of the late of the forbidden territory. Bulgarian wounded are arriving at Mon-astir, the dispatch said. The Saloniki reports have not been officially confirmed. It is generally

Germany Plans to Drive Across Greek Border After Allies

ROME, Dec. 11.-Dispatches from both Athens and Saloniki today indicate that Germany intends to carry her encircling movement into Greek territory, if German troops have not already crossed the Greek Frontie: The combined German, Austrian and Bulgarian armies are expected to make a supreme effort to drive the expeditionary forces back to Saloniki

his It is believed probable that Greece sibly within a fortnight. She may be

The Mysterious Case of Charles Etchison

The puzzling story of a Washington man whose connection with the violent death of a Minnesota woman has placed him and the husband behind prison bars. The dramatic scene in a Chicago hotel when Etchison and his wife knelt in prayer before he told his version of the story. A page of life's

IN TOMORROW'S SUNDAY TIMES